



# Outreach Notice

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## NATIONAL FORESTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

### Nantahala Ranger District, Nantahala National Forest Duty Station – Franklin, NC

#### Zone Botanist/Ecologist

GS-0430-7/9/11

GS-0408-7/9/11

**(Full Time Permanent)**

### **Reply By April 4, 2016 with the attached form and resume**

The Nantahala Ranger District is seeking an individual for the position of Botanist/Ecologist serving the Nantahala zone which includes the Nantahala, Tusquitee and Cheoah Ranger Districts of the Nantahala National Forest. The duty station is on the Nantahala Ranger District in Franklin, N.C.

#### **Major Duties**

Duties for the position include: providing technical expertise for the zone in matters dealing with threatened, endangered and sensitive plant species and the broader plant community and vegetation management by developing and implementing monitoring programs to conserve and protect these plants; serving as the botanical expert when working on or leading interdisciplinary teams; preparing biological evaluations/opinions and assessments; leading ecosystem restoration activities including treatment of noxious weeds and other invasive species through contract administration and working with external partners and volunteers; and maintaining database records on invasive species locations and treatment activities..

The vacancy announcement when issued may be advertised under either the 0430 series or 0408 series or both depending on the outreach response. If you would like more information please contact: Mike Wilkins, District Ranger on the Nantahala Ranger District at [mwilkins@fs.fed.us](mailto:mwilkins@fs.fed.us) or (828) 524-6441, ext. 451. Also note, non-competitive lateral reassignment may be considered for qualified candidates currently at the target grade. Please contact Ranger Wilkins directly to discuss your interest in this option.

#### **Nantahala Ranger District:**

The Nantahala Ranger District administers over 250,000 acres of land in Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties. The habitat types include the full range of Southern Appalachian forest communities from shortleaf pine dominated stands at lower elevations, mixed mesophytic hardwood stands in coves and ridges at the middle elevations, and red spruce / northern hardwood forests in the higher elevations. The district borders 3 National Forests and 2 National Parks and is home to 2 wildernesses, the Mountain Waters Scenic Byway, Wayhutta ATV system, 3 developed campgrounds, 2 horse trail systems, 3 primitive campgrounds, 2 shooting ranges, Whitewater Falls, Whiteside Mountain, the Nantahala River and 350 miles of trail including 52 miles of the AT and 72 miles of the Bartram trail.

## **Cheoah & Tusquitee Ranger Districts:**

The Tusquitee and Cheoah Ranger Districts are administratively combined and administer over 270,000 acres of land in Cherokee, Clay, Graham, and Swain counties. These districts range in elevation from 1,200 feet to the 5,560 foot Huckleberry Knob. The District offices are located in Murphy (Tusquitee) and Robbinsville (Cheoah), respectively. The Cheoah and Tusquitee border two National Forests, and a National Park. Major attractions include: Joyce Kilmer/Slick Rock Wilderness, the Appalachian Trail, Tsali Recreation Area, a National Scenic Byway, and a complex combination of long distance, hiking, biking, and equestrian trails, as well as many developed and dispersed camping opportunities.

The Forest Supervisor's Office is located nearby in Asheville.

**Climate:** The Franklin and the surrounding areas have four distinct seasons. Spring and early summer temperatures are usually mild, ranging from near freezing at night in March to the low to mid-80s in June. Rainfall is seasonal, with drier weather in March giving way to wetter and more humid days in April and May, with the onset of summer thunderstorms in June.

**Community:** The Town of Franklin has approximately 3,845 residents within the town limits and another 30,000 in Macon County. Franklin is 75 minutes from Asheville, NC and 2 hrs. from Atlanta, Georgia. <http://www.franklin-chamber.com/>

**Access:** A number of state and U.S. highways provide access to Franklin and to the Interstates that serve Asheville and Atlanta. The Asheville Airport is a 75 minute drive from Franklin and the Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta is approximately a 2.5 hour drive.

**Facilities:** Franklin has a variety of retail outlets, including major big-box retailers like WalMart and Lowes and supports a wide variety of local restaurants. Franklin has a hospital, Angel Medical Center, with more comprehensive care in Asheville. There are numerous convenience stores and specialty shops located in town and nearby. Several churches of most denominations are found within Franklin and the surrounding communities.

**Recreation:** Because of its proximity to the National Forest, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and Nantahala River, Franklin also offers year round outdoor recreational opportunities.



**USDA is an Equal Opportunity Employer.**

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NANTAHALA RANGER DISTRICT**

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*Please return this form and a **current resume** by COB April 4, 2016 to Mike Wilkins:*

*Email: [mwilkins@fs.fed.us](mailto:mwilkins@fs.fed.us)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: \_\_PERMANENT\_\_ TEMPORARY\_\_ TERM\_\_ VRA\_\_ PWD\_\_ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DUTY STATION(S) RESPONDING TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in:

- 0430 Botanist Series
- 0408 Ecologist Series
- Both

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AUTHORITIES:

- \_\_\_\_\_ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS READJUSTMENT
- \_\_\_\_\_ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY
- \_\_\_\_\_ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998
- \_\_\_\_\_ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER
- \_\_\_\_\_ LAND MANAGEMENT WORKFORCE FLEXABILITY ACT
- \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER